

## Poetry.

## THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW.

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I walked the vale of shadows,  
Where life is but a breath;  
The world seemed far behind me,  
They told me it was death;  
But yet I feared no evil,  
No specters of the night;  
The Prince of Life was with me,  
The gates of death shone bright.

I saw the past of failure,  
Of weakness and of sin;  
I saw the tasks neglected,  
The stains of wrong within;  
But I had found a Saviour,  
Who as my Surety stood,  
Who all my sins had pardoned,  
And washed me in His blood.

And so within the valley  
I could but trust and sing;  
His strength upheld my weakness,  
'Twas heaven beneath His wing;  
The founts of song were swelling  
Within my raptured soul;  
The music of the harpers  
Was mine before the goal.

For death is life beginning,  
In the eternal years,  
Beyond the doubt and sinning,  
Beyond the grief and tears;  
'Tis but the soul's awaking  
To glories never told,  
'Tis but the day's soft breaking  
Over the streets of gold.

—Christian Advocate.

## Contributions.

## A REPLY TO BROTHER CASSEL.

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Sometime ago my dear Brother Cassel penned an article for the B. E., in which he set forth very emphatically that all persons who did not receive baptism of the Holy Spirit were not Christians. Because of this, I asked of Brother Cassel to tell the readers of the EVANGELIST how many were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and refer to the chapter and verse that teaches the perpetuity of that "baptism." I asked the above, thinking that by careful investigation my dear brother would discover his error, but instead he has advanced further in the same line. First, in his reply in EVANGELIST No. 27, July 10, he either insinuates or over estimates (or both) the writer. Then admits that he knows "no chapter or verse that abstractly teaches the perpetuity of Holy Ghost baptism." Now if there is no Scripture to prove the perpetuity of "Holy Ghost baptism," is it not reasonable to conclude that there is none and that there has been none since the fulfillment on the day of Pentecost. I think it quite unfair for Brother Cassel to ask me to prove

something that I did not assent. "That the baptism of the Holy Ghost was confined to the Apostolic age." I will however now assent that the baptism of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled on the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Christ in the temple in the city of Jerusalem and that the same was a prophecy of God under the *first covenant* was spoken of by John the Dipper, and also by Christ himself that the twelve apostles were all that received it, and that it was a special manifestation of the divine interposition of God for a special purpose.

1st. That it was a prophecy. See Joel 2: 28, 29. Referred to by John. See Matt. 3: 11. Mark 1: 8. Luke 3: 16. Acts 1: 5. Spoken by Christ. See Luke 24: 49. John 15: 26; 16: 13; 14: 26. That the fulfillment occurred in Jerusalem and in the temple. See Luke 24: 52, 53. Acts 1: 12. Acts 2: 2, 16. That the twelve were all that received it. See Acts 1: 4, 8, 25. Acts 2: 1-4, 14. And inasmuch as they did not have the Gospel of Christ written, and they being finite creatures could not retain or remember all that Christ taught them verbally. It became exceedingly needful that the Holy Spirit should bring to their remembrance what Christ had taught them. It is very evident that the Holy Spirit could not bring to their remembrance things they never knew. After they were thus inspired they could preach Christ boldly, and through their inspiration, the *Gospel of Jesus Christ* was written and handed down from age to age, and generation to generation, until this present age. The special purpose of the baptism of the "Holy Spirit" was to inspire and qualify the chosen witnessess of our divine Master for their mission, and the handing down to us the inspired word of the *living God*. As in the fulfilling of all the prophecies of God, there was a *special divine interposition of God* in the "sound coming from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and filling all the house." (External symbol of their being filled with the Holy Spirit.) "The cloven tongues like as of fire." (Symbol of the different tongues, or languages in which they were enabled to speak and the effect produced.) Now I will let my dear Brother Cassel decide the whole matter by quoting what he says in the article referred to in No. 27. I quote from page 3. "Things equal to one another are equal to the same thing." I now accept and apply this rule. Never since the day of Pentecost did an event occur where twelve or more persons were together in the worship of God similar to the apostles at Jerusalem where a sound came from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, filling all the house. And cloven

tongues like as of fire, setting upon each of them and giving them the power to speak in all the languages of earth, and the same result following as on that memorable day the Lord made for his people to rejoice in Psalms 118: 24. According to the rule of my brother, there has not been a baptism of the "*Holy Spirit*," since the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The persons and events referred to by my brother, were entirely dissimilar, and therefore, could not have been "Holy Ghost" baptisms. There have been none, and I predict that there will be none beside the one that occurred on Pentecost during the Gospel dispensation. The special divine interpositions of God in reference to the plan of salvation have ceased since the *Gospel of Christ* has been fully authenticated and handed down through Christ and the apostles, to the human family in which the conditions of salvation are fully set forth. I believe in the office and work of the Holy Spirit. In the salvation of the world, Christ said he should be a comforter, a guide, a leader, that he should reprove (or convince) the world of "sin, of righteousness, and of a judgment to come." We are not inspired as the apostles were; they had not the revealed written word, hence needed inspiration. We have the revealed written word of *God the Gospel of Jesus Christ* and must study that in order to be able to rightly divide the word of truth, the Apostle James says, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of *God*." We have no other source from which to learn or get wisdom from *God* but his revealed will. "If the truth shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed; my word is the truth." In conclusion, baptism means to dip, bury, overwhelm.

In the baptism of the Holy Spirit there was an external symbol of baptism. The house was filled with the sound, they were in the house, hence were overwhelmed in the sound, and as fully as the outer man was baptized in the sound, just as wholly and fully was the inner or spiritual man baptized with the Holy Spirit. Now an application of the rule and I am done for the present. "Things equal to one another are equal to the same thing." In love for the cause of Christ.

THERE is evil enough in man, God knows! But it is not the mission of every young man and woman to detail and report it all. Keep the atmosphere as pure as possible and fragrant with gentleness and charity.—Dr. John Hall.

MOST of Paul's letters were written from prison, and yet he never wrote a line that had a groan in it.